

## Boy Scouts Take Pride in the Community

We recently celebrated Secaucus Boy Scouts, from Cubs to Eagles, we salute these fine young men as they spend countless hours serving the community. Every project they undertake is done with honor and pride. Throughout the years, boy scouts have gone above and beyond to help make Secaucus the pristine community that we all enjoy. Whether it is a clean-up of our waterfront property, detailing Schmidts Woods, refinishing floors in churches, or building bridges, these boys get it done. They do it with pride, leadership, integrity and true grit. Some projects have entailed working in our parks and playgrounds, all of which have recently been upgraded. Eagle candidates have led the members of the Boy Scout troop and contributed to the beauty of our parks, each one, beautifully landscaped with suitable shrubbery and seasonal flowers. Traveling into town, visitors will see a new striking fountain at the entrance of Buchmuller Park surrounded with flowing foliage that offers a quiet meditation spot. You may also see scouts working alongside DPW crews helping to keep our streets clean, planting trees and, in the winter, scouts are out shoveling snow for seniors and others in need.

Boy Scouts also take pride in the community as they march in the Memorial Day and Holiday parades. They work side by side with veterans at the American Legion and VFW during patriotic events. Scouts participate in Flag Day and Veterans Day ceremonies and place flags on the crosses of our fallen heroes during the Memorial Day services. Standing at attention, boy scouts attend our 9/11 ceremony to honor those innocent victims. They are visible every day as they strive to live the scout law to be trustworthy, helpful, clean, friendly and kind.

There are so many ways each of us could take pride in the community by helping to keep our neighborhoods clean and looking great. We have tree lined streets in our residential neighborhoods and homes with manicured lawns and front yard gardens. Simple things like cleaning up after your pet, mowing lawns and cutting back overgrowth on your property can make a big difference. Take a look around your property. Does it have curb appeal? While walking through our streets, use the trash receptacles that have been placed in all neighborhoods and at the bus stops. If you see a problem with garbage, litter or unkempt property in your neighborhood, let us know. Help your neighbors. Quite often garbage gets blown over during heavy winds or other bad weather. If you see this happen on your block, lend

a hand. It doesn't take much effort to stop and pick up a garbage can, or toppled recycling bucket.

Join the town and the Boy Scouts and do your part to help us keep Secaucus a clean and friendly place to live and visit. Together we can all take pride in our community. For more information on how you can help or to report a problem, call my office at 201-330-2005.